

FEMA Approves Nearly \$21 Million in Additional Grants to Puerto Rico

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – FEMA has awarded about \$21 million in additional funds to Puerto Rico to cover costs related to Hurricane María.

These awards bring the amount of funds obligated under FEMA's Public Assistance program to \$5.7 billion.

The latest grants approved are as follows:

- Nearly \$17.8 million to Puerto Rico's Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency, or COR3, for emergency protective measures.
- Nearly \$3.1 million to the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration for administrative costs.

Emergency protective measures are actions taken to eliminate or lessen immediate threats either to lives, public health or safety, or significant additional damage to public or private property in a cost-effective manner.

FEMA works with COR3 through the agency's Public Assistance program to obligate recovery funds to private nonprofit organizations, municipalities and agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico for expenses related to hurricanes Irma and María.

Assistance is available for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged



facilities. The Public Assistance program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

FEMA obligates funding to the applicant for projects through COR3. For applicants to receive the awarded funds, they must provide required documentation to ensure conformity with local and federal requirements.

FEMA and COR3 continue to work together to expedite recovery funding and reimbursement of all eligible costs.

For more information on the Hurricane María recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4339.

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